



NEWSLETTER

VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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What's New...

New VIIS Features Coming Soon!

In a few short weeks, providers will be able to explore some of the new features in VIIS. Online training videos will be available for providers to view at their convenience. One live training will be held daily, Monday—Friday, from Noon—1:00 pm. Make sure we have your correct contact information in VIIS and your account is active by following the steps below:

- * Under **Edit My User Account** — Users can enter their work address, phone number and email address .
- * Keep your VIIS account active so you can readily access the registry. You can keep your account active by logging into VIIS within 60 days.

VIIS Staff Updates

Sateria Jeffress is the new VIIS Data Quality Manager. She has been with VDH for almost eleven years and a VIIS Trainer for nine years. Sateria will bring a lot of Public Health experience to her new position. She will continue to assist and train the providers in the South Central Region until January 2021.

VIIS Registration & Training

Are you in need of VIIS training?
Contact a VIIS Trainer:

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Did You Know?

Hearing Screening: Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV)

Virginia began targeted congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) screening on September 1, 2020. All children who fail the final initial hearing screen and are within 21 days of life will need to be screened for cCMV prior to hospital discharge.

See page two for more information.

2020-21 Flu Season

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. Getting a flu vaccine during 2020-2021 will be more important than ever. Flu vaccines will not prevent COVID-19, but they will reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths on the health care system and conserve scarce medical resources for the care of people with COVID-19. For more information about flu prevention visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/prevention.htm>

To find a flu vaccinator in your area, click the following link: vaccines.gov.

Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccine?

VIIS will be used to document administered doses of COVID-19 vaccine. If you have not updated your registration with VIIS, you can do so now. Contact a VIIS Trainer for more information.

Questions About COVID-19?

All questions or concerns about COVID-19 are handled by the Virginia COVID-19 Hotline:
1-877-ASK-VDH3

Visit us online at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/viis>



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Primary Care Providers (PCP) should ensure that children who have failed initial hearing screening have received cCMV screening in the hospital by 21 days of life. PCP should review results of cCMV screening and provide recommendations based on results:

- ♦ Positive results on cCMV screening with saliva PCR - Ensure child has a urine cCMV Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) immediately upon receipt of test results within 21 days of life.
- ♦ Inconclusive results on cCMV Screening- Ensure child has a urine CMV Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) immediately upon receipt of test results within 21 days of life.
- ♦ Missed cCMV screening -Refer for cCMV saliva swab or urine cCMV PCR immediately upon notification of missed screening within 21 days of life.

The Virginia Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) program has conducted training sessions to help hospitals and other stakeholders prepare and conduct cCMV screening. You can view the recorded sessions at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/early-hearing-detection-and-intervention/training/>. For additional guidance on cCMV screening in Virginia, you may also review the Hearing Targeted congenital Cytomegalovirus Protocols at

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/early-hearing-detection-and-intervention/professionals/>.

In addition to screening, education will be a key component in Virginia. Educational brochures to increase prenatal education and awareness of cCMV and provide next steps for children who are screened for cCMV have been distributed to stakeholders and are available at

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/early-hearing-detection-and-intervention/professionals/> .

If you would like additional information regarding targeted cCMV screening in Virginia, please contact the Virginia EHDI Program at va_ehdi@vdh.virginia.gov or by phone 804-864-7719.